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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication in the Office Action that claims 1, 3, 4, 15, 16 and 19-22 are allowed, and that claims 17, 18 and 23 contain allowable subject matter. Applicants have amended claims 5 and 17. Discussion of these amendments follow.

With regards to claim 23, Applicants have written claim 23 into independent form. Further, Applicants have added new dependent claims 28-30 which depend upon claim 23.

The rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Claims 17 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, third paragraph, as being indefinite.

With regards to paragraph 3 of the Office Action, Applicants have amended claim 17 to remove the erroneous reference to a bolt for loading a paintball. With this amendment, claim 17 is clarified, and Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claim 17.

With regards to paragraph 4 of the Office Action, Applicants have cancelled claim 18 but added new claim 27. Applicants believe that claim 27 is clear with regards to having a low pressure regulator and a high pressure regulator. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claim 18 and allowance of new claim 27.

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The rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

Claims 5-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,462,042 to Greenwell. Claims 5, 6 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,349,711 to Perry.

With regards to paragraph 6 of the Office Action, Applicants have amended claim 5 to include the elements of claim 8. Since Greenwell does not include all elements of claim 5, Greenwell cannot be said to anticipate claim 5 and Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claim 5 and all claims dependent thereon.

With regards to paragraph 7 of the Office Action, Applicants have amended claim 5 to include the elements of claim 7. Since Perry does not include all elements of claim 5, Perry cannot be said to anticipate claim 5 and Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claim 5 and all claims dependent thereon.

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CLOSING

Applicants have cancelled claims 6-8 and 18, amended claims 5 and 17, rewritten claim 23, and added new claims 24-30. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of pending claims 1, 3-5, 15-17, and 19-30. The undersigned welcomes telephonic interview with the Examiner, if the Examiner believes that such an interview would facilitate resolution of any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted

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